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Photo by Kat Mohr

Music is a universal language: In celebration of International Deaf Awareness Week, OKCCC students entertained State Fair crowds with signed interpretations of various songs, including the "Star Spangled Banner." International Deaf Awareness Week is always celebrated the last full week in September. The dates for 2001 were Sept. 24 through Sept. 30. See related story, page 6.

FBI holds former student

Mukkaram Ali questioned about terrorist connections

By Vu A. Vu
Staff Writer

U.S. Marshals took custody of former OKCCC student Mukkaram Ali, 25, on Sept. 24, for questioning in connection to the World Trade Center and Pentagon attacks.

Ali, one of 352 people detained for connections to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, was brought in to the Oklahoma County jail Sept. 11 for an immigration hold by the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

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Young men worry about military draft

By Kirk Suttles
News Writing I Student

On Sept. 11, when the tragedies unfolded in New York, Washington, D.C. and Pennsylvania, many young men in America pondered the possibility that the United States might go to war.

And in the ensuing days, as those thoughts became reality, some pondered the possibility of a military draft.

The History

President Franklin Roosevelt signed the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940 which created the country's first peacetime draft and formally established the Selective Service System as an independent Federal agency.

From 1948 until 1973, during both peacetime and periods of conflict, men were drafted to fill vacancies in the armed forces which could not be filled through voluntary means.

In 1973, the draft ended and the U.S. converted to an All-Volunteer military.

The registration requirement was suspended in April 1975, then resumed in 1980 by President Jimmy Carter in response to the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

Registration continues today as a hedge against underestimating the number of servicemen needed in a future crisis.

The obligation of a man to register is imposed by the Military Selective Service Act. The Act establishes and governs the operations of the Selective Service System.

Reaction

A few OKCCC students have definite thoughts about a possible draft.

Josh Teel, physical therapy major, said he is not registered with Selective Service but has been in the military before.

He said he only made it through basic training before he was released on medical discharge.

Teel said he is "indifferent" to the

idea of selective service but said no one should be forced to join the military. He said many of his friends have indicated a willingness to fight in war if there is a draft.

John Lugafet, business major, is registered for selective service. He

believes the United States is definitely going to war and said a draft, if necessary, will be the right thing to do.

See "Draft," page 9

Registration required by law

By Kirk Suttles
News Writing I Student

Men who need to determine if they are registered for the Selective Service or those needing to update their information can do so online at the Selective Service website located at www.sss.gov.

There, you can change your address, get information on exemptions and petitions, check to see if you are registered and even register if you haven't.

At the site you also can get information about the draft and what it means to you and the country.

Men 18- to 25-years-old are required by federal law to register for the draft.

Most 18-year-olds will automatically receive a reminder card in the mail that can be returned for registration.

Men also can register through the U.S. Post Office with a "mail

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Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

Hysteria creates greater problems

When word leaked out that America was attacked by terrorists from the Middle East three weeks ago, Oklahomans rushed out for two things.

The first was donating their life-giving blood, something we learned is very important after the Oklahoma bombing six years ago. The second thing Oklahomans did was fill their gas tanks with \$5 a gallon petroleum that just hours before was about a buck and a half.

The same happened elsewhere in the United States. Both acts derived through one human trait that can make or break a society — panic.

Recent gas prices in my neighborhood dropped 10 cents in one day. People didn't line up to buy gas because there was no need to panic, only rejoice.

Immediately, the stock exchanges were closed for fear of terrorist attacks. Like when the Bailey Bros. Savings and Loan closed before George was set to leave town for his honeymoon, investors felt panicky. It showed when the markets opened up, and the New York Stock Exchange suffered its highest weekly point loss in history.

I'm sure Alan Greenspan knew what else was coming too since he immediately lowered interest rates.

It took a week, but people found their sanity again, and the Dow is rising once more. It took a few hours and words like "price gouging" and "disgust" by Gov. Frank Keating and state Attorney General Drew Edmondson before Oklahomans stopped buying fuel at jacked-up prices.

It was the same panic that caused the initial downfall of the economy earlier this year. Folks bought tons of Internet stocks, gambling their money. After some people realized buying was a little too premature, those folks panicked again and sold like mad.

Consumer confidence, however, is at its lowest point in about six years, according to the Associated Press. This is a result of panic.

Panic caused the internment of thousands of Japanese-Americans during World War II. Panic, which evolved to hatred, caused hate crimes that have occurred after the World Trade Center and Pentagon attacks.

Panic and selfishness are very similar. When an event causes panic, people only think about their own well being.

Panic, however, can lead to good things.

On United Airlines Flight 93, thousands of feet over Pennsylvania, there was panic as people lay lifeless on the floor. But some heroes came together. They called their loved ones and learned of their situation and thus, their fate. In a logical manner, they came up with a plan to fight for their freedom and the freedom of innocent lives hundreds of miles away.

—**Vu A. Vu**
Staff Writer

There's still hope out there

To the Editor:

I am pleased to see that the Pioneer staff has kept the story on Mayuko Kawase's disappearance in the newspaper for several weeks. But my question is Where are the fliers???

We are aware that not all OKCCC students read the Pioneer or listen to the news.

It could be possible that it is one of these students who saw her after her last known whereabouts.

I am upset and concerned that Mayuko's situation may be known to Pioneer readers and others, but is not known to all who live within this south Oklahoma City area. Her disappearance is not known even to all of the students of OKCCC.

We take more action when we lose a pet. We place fliers around the vicinity and the pet owners will drive around [looking] for possible witnesses. Should we do less when we lose a human being whose immediate family is nowhere near?

I know that it's the job of the police, but I truly believe that someone on this campus, in Albertsons or within this area did see something. It is a matter of whether they know what is going on.

Fliers need to be posted!! Time is ticking and the Pioneer staff have such a capability to do more.

—**Marjan Fardadfar**

Ultimately, decision should be left to us

To the Editor:

This is in response to Sue deCardenas' letter that appeared in the Pioneer edition of Sept. 24.

I commend her for stating so succinctly what many people probably thought or wanted to say.

If those acting on our behalf come to the conclusion that the building is to stay

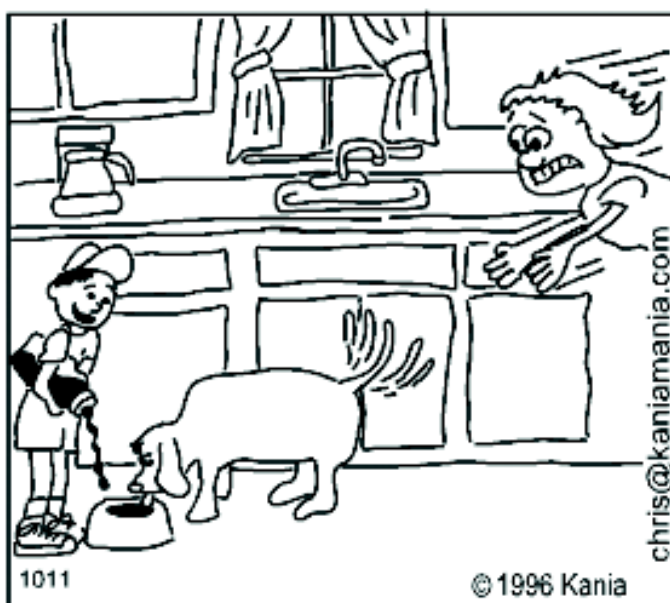
open after a threat is made, I have no problem with that.

I hope, however, that the students and employees are given an immediate warning and each one allowed to make up his or her own mind as to what course to follow.

—**Nirmala Varmha**
Professor of English

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by Chris Kania



Hey Mom look, Sparky likes prune juice!

All letters to the editor must be signed with a full name and a phone number provided. Name will be withheld upon request.

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Comments and Reviews

Employee, staff attitudes need some remodeling

To the Editor:

What is wrong with the staff at OKCCC? I have always thought very highly of this college until this semester. I realize that the construction, terrorist attack, and bomb threats have taken a toll on people's emotions.

It should be, in the face of such hardship, that people strive for a better attitude.

My first fiasco was Financial Aid. Every year something gets delayed and goes wrong, even when I turn in all my paperwork before the new semester even starts. But this year, hands down, has been the worst experience ever.

First, you're forced to sit in an area half the size of the old financial aid office, and you have, at best, one person to help people.

It takes a long time for one worker to cycle through 12 numbers ahead of yours.

I turned in my SAR and was told to re-do one question online. I was told by the financial aid worker that it was a question they could fix, but if I would do it online it would be faster. Not quite so.

The SAR was delayed for another 10 days.

I get the revised copy and go back to financial aid and wait for another hour to turn it in.

I am told that the award letter should arrive in approximately four weeks.

That put it around Sept. 22. I went back to financial aid on the 17th, as this was the fourth week. That's when the financial aid clerk stated I had to wait four weeks to the day.

The clerk told me that I would be awarded at the end of that week, the 21st. I trek back up there Monday, the 24th.

Now there's a different

"All this has prompted me to drop OKCCC after this semester. If I can't get the education, help, or assistance I'm paying for, why attend?"

—Name Withheld by Request

clerk. I tell her I've waited a month and still haven't received my award letter. She states that it has hardly been a month, but it didn't really matter. She said since the school was closed two half days because of the bomb threats, all award letters are now delayed another two weeks.

Two weeks!

How far behind does the financial aid office get after missing two half days of work?

If I missed half a day of work at my job and got two weeks behind, I would be fired. I do medical billing for emergency rooms for the state of Michigan. I have an enormous volume of paperwork. I work with tenfold more claims than all the students that attend the college combined, and on a daily basis.

I'm not allowed the luxury of falling behind.

As if this wasn't stressful enough, I ran into a new problem at the school, the math lab.

For semesters now you've had assistants in there who could care less about helping students.

I went in there last semester to get help with my TI-83.

I handed it to one assistant who abruptly handed it to the assistant next to him and said "you help her" and he walked off.

Everyone is entitled to a bad day.

Now I'm in Calculus class and having to do lab requirements using the Derive program in the lab.

For some people, the program isn't a problem to

master. I, and others, aren't so fortunate.

I needed help. I approached a lab assistant and asked for help with the program.

"I don't know how to use it" was the reply. Pardon me, but isn't that your job? Should you be working in the math lab if you can't help someone with a math program?

Doesn't the math syllabus clearly state "For those who would like assistance outside the classroom, the Math Lab is strongly recommended. Students are encouraged to use the math lab for asking questions of tutors or lab assistants, tutorial software, calculators and computers."

Where was my help?

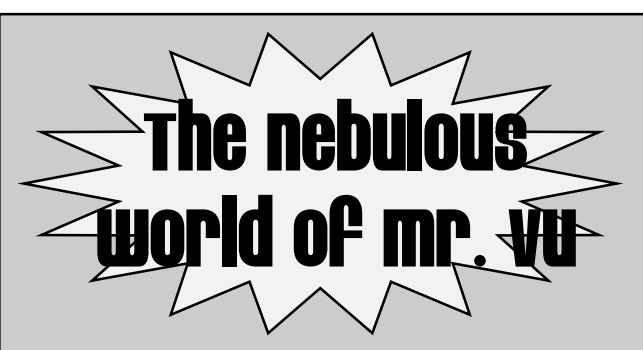
I thought maybe it was just me. However, when I got back to class, I hear several students complaining that the same thing happened to them.

All these students went to the lab on different days, different hours. To get the same response is really upsetting. Especially when I paid \$19 for a student services fee, and \$20 for a technology fee this semester.

All this has prompted me to drop OKCCC after this semester. If I can't get the education, help, or assistance I'm paying for, why attend?

As you work to improve the interior design of the college, perhaps employees should be encouraged to improve their attitudes as well.

—Name Withheld by Request



Stupidity makes for good material

The last time someone called me a "gook" was about four years ago, about 30 years too late.

I was walking back to my school when some kid in a bus yelled out, "Hey gook!"

Who was this kid? Who gave him the right to demean me as a human being? What authority made him better than me? How dare he treat me like a dog? How could he call me a "gook" just by seeing my black hair and my tan skin?

He didn't even see my slanted eyes.

I wanted to jump into that bus with him. I wanted to beat him to a pulp. I wanted to treat him the way he treated me — like a dog. I wanted to show him who the better man was.

But I didn't. I walked away. I wouldn't give him the satisfaction of showing him the pain he caused me. In my heart, I truly did not want revenge. I felt sorry for him and I felt sorry for the person who taught him about gooks.

Last May, when I heard about Afghanistan's Taliban government forcing Afghan Hindus to wear identification to mark them as non-Muslim, I was reminded of my own persecution.

It reminded me of what the Nazi regime did to Europe's Jewish population. What would've happened if the Jews had fought back against the Nazis? How would history have been changed?

What if the Hindus fought against the Taliban? Strife among the Hindu faithful and the Muslim faithful is well documented and it will be awhile until those groups forget the atrocities of the past.

We know what happened to the Jews when they didn't fight back.

In America, we know what happens when Arabians, Persians, Muslims and Hindus don't fight back and we know what happened to Japanese-Americans when they didn't fight back during World War II.

All in all, this can be ironic sometimes.

What's ironic is that a Sikh who worked in a convenience store was shot dead by an Arizona man proclaiming to be an American. Sikhs, who wear turbans, will not cut their hair or show their hair and aren't even Muslim. This Sikh was killed because of a false stereotype. The Arizona man failed to note the difference.

In the United States and across the ocean, a war on terrorism is brewing. Will the war on ignorance follow suit?

—Vu A. Vu
Staff Writer

Comments and Reviews

OKCCC security officers are trained for bomb threats, other safety tactics

To the Editor:

My response to the letter Sue deCardenas wrote to the editor is one of agreeing with her on the feeling of expecting protection after the latest terrorist acts. We all want that.

I can sympathize with her on the direct impact such acts have had on her family.

In defense of OKCCC's Safety and Security division, is the letter-writer really in a position to speak on what degree of training these people have had?

She and the rest of the country rely on our military to solve the situation at hand.

Some of the men she spoke about in her letter have been trained in various defensive tactics by

that same military.

They have served their country and are well trained in safety tactics, various degrees of combat training, firearms and other weapons and explosive devices.

All of the college's employees had the choice to go home to their children and spouses as a result of the administration's decision to cancel classes and close the premises.

They felt safe in their surroundings once their family was there with them in the comfort of their home.

My family, and other relatives of Safety and Security officers, had to sit on pins and needles wondering if anything would turn out to be our worst nightmare as our spouses and loved ones

went off to work.

They were called to work early several days in a row because of those bomb threats, to provide safety for the other employees and students of the college.

They patrolled parking lots and other areas of the school grounds for hours on end to look for suspicious persons, vehicles, etc.

It is their job to provide as much safety and security as they possibly can.

I have a 5-year-old son who doesn't really understand what happened in our country Sept. 11.

All he knows is that airplanes flew into buildings, lots of people were hurt, and Daddy has had to leave earlier than normal every day to protect people from the "bad guys."

"We are never really safe from anyone who wants to throw harm our way."

—Sami Tipton
Wife of OKCCC
Security Officer

What a simple thing to tell a child for such a complicated issue.

People may feel safe in their homes, or at the library with their children, or shopping at Wal-Mart, or sitting in a church service in their own church.

The truth is that violence can happen anywhere, even one's place of employment.

We are never really safe from anyone who wants to throw harm our way. Terrorists are not required to

give notice of their actions, and rarely ever do.

They act without concern for anyone they are about to harm.

Thanks for the mention of "dedicated and loyal employees" in the Safety and Security division.

But don't be ignorant of what credentials these people have. Give credit where credit is due.

—Sami Tipton
Wife of OKCCC
Security Officer

Deviates blow out the metro's Green Door

"Punk music isn't about dying your hair or dressing different, it's an ideal and an attitude," said Brian Barbara, lead singer of the Deviates.

The Deviates played Sept. 13 at a punk club in Oklahoma City called the Green Door, on their way to tour the Midwest.

The Deviates were born in 1994 in a garage in South Bay, Calif., where at the ages of 15 and 16 they taught themselves how to play instruments.

Now seven years later they stand proud with some of the best hard core punk bands of our generation.

The Deviates offer a fresh, new voice in punk music.

They are passionate about their music and sing about everyday conflicts life has to offer. Fans relate to their angry yet emotionally driven music.

Since 1994 the Deviates

have released two albums. "Time Is The Distance" is their debut album on Epitaph records. They were originally signed with

matured musically and lyrically since first picking up their instruments.

Throughout the years they have become more fo-



Photo by Sarah Fullerton

Lead singer of the Deviates Brian Barbara entertains their fans at the Green Door on Thursday, Sept. 13. The Deviates toured all over the Midwest during the month of September.

Theologian Records, who released their first album "My Life," but it had always been their dream to work with Epitaph.

The band has definitely

cused on who they are and what their music is about.

They never try to limit themselves in a style because they don't want to compromise their music.

"Our dream is to play music. The moment you limit your dreams you might as well call it quits," said Barbara.

Traveling from city to city playing shows is a lot of hard work, but it all pays off when they see fans enjoying the show.

They are willing to play anywhere as long as one fan is happy to see them.

Barbara recalls the craziest experience he's ever had with a fan which was in Lubbock, Texas.

Barbara was singing when, all of a sudden, a fan jumped on stage and started strangling him. At first he was startled, but he loves it when his fans express such intense energy.

The Deviates are inspired by all forms of music which contributes to their versatile style. Some of their favorite bands include the Misfits, Black Flag, Pennywise, Nirvana and Eric Clapton.

The Deviates have toured all over the country and played at such huge venues as the Warped Tour two years in a row.

There is no doubt The Deviates are one of the most talented punk bands. Fans travel all over the nation just to hear them play.

The Deviates respect and appreciate all their fans and the support they've offered throughout the years.

The greatest part of playing music is the bond that forms between you and fans, said Barbara.

"When a fan really feels and understands what I'm trying to say with my music, they become more than a fan, they become my brother and my sister," said Barbara.

If you're interested in learning more about the Deviates you can go to www.deviatesrock.com or www.epitaph.com.

—Kat Mohr
Staff Writer

Nursing graduates exceed national pass rate average

By Julie Stowe Chapman
News Writing I Student

With an 83 percent pass rate, last spring's nursing graduates are above the national average, said Nursing professor Lea Ann Loftis.

A total of 42 graduates from the May 2001 class have taken their state licensing examinations. Presently, 35 have passed.

As those graduates enter the job market, they

should be finding plenty of job openings.

Loftis, herself a critical care nurse for 22 years, said the job market for registered nurses is excellent.

According to the U. S. Department of Health Resources and Services Administration, there is a nationwide shortage of nurses.

In fact, the HRSA 2000 National Sample Survey of Registered Nurses, released in February, recommended "more action to keep the nation supplied with regis-

tered nurses."

The pay is good, even for those just starting out, Loftis said.

She said an entry-level registered nurse can expect to make approximately \$14 to \$15 per hour, more if an individual is willing to work less desirable hours such as weekends and nights.

Nationwide there is an estimated 2.2 million active, registered nurses, an increase of only 137,666 since 1996, according to the HRSA.

Annually, OKCCC graduates between 90 to 110 nursing students.

"The class graduating in December currently has 52 enrolled," Loftis said.

"We hope they all graduate at that time."

She said most graduating nurses, upon licensing, choose employment with hospitals or hospital-related facilities.

Austin Film Festival affordable cultural trip

OKCCC students who are strapped for cash but always dreamed of going to a world-class film festival have some good news.

They can make the drive to Austin, Texas, this month to attend a major film festival for under \$50 admission.

Or, for those wanting to fly to Austin, the prices are right.

Round-trip airfares at major airlines range between \$110 and \$150 per person.

The 8th Annual Austin Film Festival has announced special student discounts for the film festival to be held Oct. 11 through 18.

Students enrolled in a minimum of nine hours at an accredited college can purchase a film pass for \$35. This pass pro-

vides admission to the screenings of more than 70 films.

Proof of enrollment and a student discount offer form will be required.

Among the successful film makers scheduled to attend the festival and screenwriters' conference are Christopher McQuarrie ("The Way of the Gun"), Randall Wallace ("Pearl Harbor"), and Lawrence Kasdan ("Silverado").

Discount passes must be purchased at the AFF registration office in Austin's downtown Omni Hotel located at 7th Street and San Jacinto.

Student discount forms and more about the festival can be obtained from Jessica Scott at 1-800-310-FEST or visit the AFF website at www.austin-filmfestival.com

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Deaf Awareness Week celebrated at state fair

By Kat Mohr
Staff Writer

Students and people from schools and deaf organizations all over the state gathered to sing at the Oklahoma State Fair in celebration of International Deaf Awareness Week.

OKCCC students participated in the concert to show their support for the deaf community.

This year is the first time OKCCC deaf students have performed at the fair.

OKCCC interpreter Zach Bice organized the students' performances and also sang a few songs.

Musical performances ranged from the national anthem to the Pointer Sisters to Bob Seger's "Old Time Rock n' Roll."

"It is important that we increase the awareness about [the deaf] and their culture in our community," Bice said.

The grand finale, "Why Can't We Be Friends," was performed by all the concert participants.

International Deaf Awareness Week is always celebrated the last full week in September. The dates for 2001 were Sept. 24 through 30. However, Bice said, people are encouraged to celebrate deaf awareness throughout the year.

The purpose of the week is to draw the attention of politicians, authorities, and the general public to what deaf people have achieved and to what concerns the deaf community is facing.

Currently there are 17 deaf and hearing-impaired students enrolled at OKCCC. In addition to Bice, Tammy Earl is employed as a staff interpreter.

Several special services are offered for OKCCC deaf and hard-of-hearing students such as tutoring, note-taking, caption videotapes, and real-time captioning.



Photo by Kat Mohr

Susan Nelson, Marles Stapleton, David Rushton and Terry Coyle with the Department of Rehabilitative Services and an area vo-tech perform to the Pointer Sisters hit "Fire." Folks and students from all over the state gathered at the State Fair to bring attention to International Deaf Awareness week. OKCCC students performed with the groups.

Spring enrollment is in the air

Previously-enrolled students get first shot

By Ashley Martin
Staff Writer

Fall semester may be just at the halfway mark, but it's time to start thinking about spring semester enrollment.

Beginning Oct. 8, previously enrolled OKCCC students can enroll early for spring classes through the college's website or through the automated telephone enrollment system.

Open enrollment for all students begins Oct. 15.

Spring classes begin Jan. 21, but Brandee Morgan, admissions and records assistant, encourages students to plan

ahead so they know what classes to take and ensure they will get a seat in those classes.

"Enroll early," she said. "It makes things a lot easier."

Morgan said students should enroll as early as possible because popular classes tend to fill up quickly.

"Online courses and computer science courses fill up [more quickly]," she said.

Morgan said the rush for enrollment in those classes is due to limited seating in computer labs.

For more information about enrolling online, visit the college's website at www.okc.cc.ok.us or call 682-1611.

Depression screening day planned

By Vu A. Vu
Staff Writer

One month after the World Trade Center and Pentagon attacks, Student Life and Student Support Services will sponsor National Depression Screening Day from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11, in the college union.

Students, faculty and people from the community can receive free depression screenings, said Mary Turner, coordinator of student support services.

One goal of the event is to better educate people about illnesses related to brain chemistry.

"There's a belief system in our culture that if [a person has] a mental health issue... it's all in your head, that it isn't a real disease," Turner said.

She said at times, people feel that a person with mental health issues is simply

trying to get sympathy when in reality, that person has a true disease.

Symptoms vary from person to person.

A long-term sadness, a feeling of disconnecting from people, losing pleasure in things you once enjoyed, either sleeping much more or much less than normal or eating much more or much less than normal are symptoms of depression.

"Depression certainly is not just the occasional sadness or feeling blue or melancholy that we might get on a rainy day," Turner said. "[Depression] is much... different than [feeling sad] because it makes you lose interest in life."

Young people and the elderly tend to know they're not feeling the same, but do not know why, said Turner.

The screening is an annual event and not scheduled at this time for any particular reason.

OKCCC counselors and



Mary Turner

members of the college's psychology department will conduct the screenings, which involve questions about whether a person feels sad, suicidal, or has difficulty concentrating or making decisions.

Turner said the screening will not provide diagnosis or therapy.

An online mental health screening test will be available for a year at www.okc.cc.ok.us by clicking on the Student Support Services link.

Professor showcased in local art show



Left: The YMCA office building in Oklahoma City. Gronemeier shot this with a Polaroid instant camera she found at a garage sale, then hand-colored it.



Above: The original clock, dated 1931, on the First National Bank in Oklahoma City is made of etched aluminum. Gronemeier is doing an architectural photo series on the bank.

J errie 'Jai' Gronemeier said when she looks at an object, she immediately knows if it has artistic potential. "Something in me says, 'I've got to record this the way I see it now,'" the OKCCC adjunct photography professor said. Several pieces of Gronemeier's art are slated to be included in an upcoming show at St. Michael Hospital, formerly Hillcrest Hospital, 2129 S.W. 59th St. in Oklahoma City where she also works as an emergency room nurse.

Gronemeier said she is thrilled about the show. "I've been in other shows," she said. "But I work at this hospital and in this community. Plus, the college is a part of this community so this is a blessing for me."

The "Evening of Art," is open to the public, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Oct. 4 in the main lobby. Sixteen artists will be featured.

The hospital will provide valet parking, hors d'oeuvres, a jazz ensemble, and a guided tour through the hallways of art at no charge.

Gronemeier, also a former Pioneer photographer and OKCCC nursing graduate, encourages everyone to attend.



Left: Gronemeier said she liked the stone spiral pattern and the backlight in this photo taken at the Philbrook Museum in Tulsa.



Left: A close-up of a small rose, taken with a digital camera and enhanced in a digital darkroom.

Below: Artist Jai Gronemeier in a self-portrait.



**PHOTOS BY
JAI GRONEMEIER**

Short-term classes great for students on the go

By Mark Stack
Editor

For those students always on the go and too busy for a 16-week class, Fast-Track classes provide a great alternative.

Craig Robinson, coordinator of Community Outreach, said enrollment for Mid-Fall Fast-Track classes are open to anyone, but are especially great for students with hectic jobs.

"It's very convenient for students who are juggling work loads or for students wanting to hurry up and graduate," Robinson said.

He said the second Fast-Track session mainly offers general education courses, such as sociology, psychology, American history to the Civil War, Macroeconomics, and English.

The third session will offer courses such as Interpersonal Communications, General Biology, Music Appreciation and American

Federal Government.

"Fast-Track allows a student to complete a three-credit hour class by attending one session for five weekends," Robinson said.

"It's great for students who want to work through their degree program a little quicker."

Robinson said the second session of Fast-Track will be Oct. 6 through Nov. 3.

Session three begins on Nov. 10 and lasts through Dec. 15.

For students who need a little slower pace, enrollment for the second eight-weeks or mid-term classes, has already begun and will last until Oct. 17.

Students can earn credit in sections such as Astronomy, English, Child Development, Communications, Math, Physics and Spanish.

Mid-fall classes begin Oct. 16. Call the Office of Prospective Student Services at 682-7580 for more information.



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OKCCC soccer team looking for support

Mike Bunnell
News Writing I
Student

OKCCC's soccer team didn't win a single game last year but, for this "sandlot" group of players, it's about more than just wins and losses.

It's about working as a team, improving their skills each day, and sharing the love they have for the sport.

Team members say, this season, the team has gone back to the basics of team sports and adopted a new attitude toward the matches.

Raymond Daniel, the new coach of the team, is experienced in the game and has played the sport for more than 25 years.

He said the players just need time together as a team and the opportunity to get to know each other.

"We haven't had much time to practice as a team," he said. "Not everyone can make our Tuesday practice, so we have the other people at practice on Thursdays," Daniel said.

"I feel that we just need time to come together, to

get experience playing together."

Team member Alex Oliveira said he has a passion for the game.

"I love to play soccer," he said. "This is the only thing I love. This game, for me, is the best part of life."

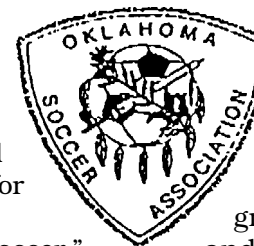
When the team meets for games, they know the chance of them winning against opponents who play in conferences is small, Daniel said. Yet they still march on to the field, ready to win.

However, he said, when they step between the lines, few fans cheer and that may be one of the downfalls — a lack of fan and student support.

"That's what this team needs more of," he said. "We really need the students here at the college to come and support our team."

"This is your team. The college pays for the guys to play and it really can be a great time to watch the players work hard to win and to represent this school the best they can," Daniel said.

With one game already played and two games canceled, one due to a lack of time to prepare and the other due to the tragedy on Sept. 11, there aren't many chances to see the team



play.

Daniel encourages everyone to get together, bring lawn chairs, grab some lunch and check out the soccer team.

A loss last Saturday against Rose State College is being blamed partly on a lack of experience in playing together but several mistakes were made by the OKCCC team and that cost them.

Goalkeeper mistakes and a few field play bumbles led to a 5-0 loss to Rose State.

The next game is against the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville. The game starts at 2 p.m.

Then, on Oct. 6, OKCCC plays the University of Oklahoma at 11 a.m. in Norman.

The last two games will be against OU International at 11 a.m. Saturday day, Oct. 13 and Sunday, Oct. 21, in Norman.

For more information, or to get directions to away games, contact Kelly Solis, sports and recreational specialist at 682-1611, ext. 7786

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Draft reinstatement would take act of Congress

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Under the current Selective Service laws women are not required to register, so Hannah Chorost, an occupational therapy major, is not directly affected.

However, she does have two brothers in the military and said she supports the country's military needs.

"They should draft if needed," she said. "Definitely we're going to war. This is going to be a long war."

All three students said they hope for a better conclusion than that reached in the Vietnam War.

Who should register?

Any man who is between 18 and 25 is required by federal law to register with the Selective Service within 30 days of his 18th birthday.

According to its website www.sss.gov, the Selective Service currently remains in a standby status.

To reinstate the draft would first take action by the U.S. Congress and implementation by the President.

Once reinstated, the next step would be a birthdate lottery.

Those men whose 20th birthday fell during that year would be the first selected.

Following that, if needed,

would be those men aged 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25 respectively. Eighteen-year-olds and those turning 19 would probably not be drafted.

Once a person has been called, he would report to duty and undergo a physical, mental and moral evaluation.

Induction notices would then be sent and inductees would have 10 days to report to a local military entrance processing station.

Finally, the first draftees would be inducted into the military or armed forces.

According to current plans, Selective Service must deliver the first inductees to the military within 193 days from the

onset of a crisis.

It's the law

Signed by Gov. Henry Bellmon in 1987, the state of Oklahoma requires Selective Service registration as a precondition for state student financial aid.

On June 1, 2000, Gov. Frank Keating signed into law a requirement that Oklahoma men, 18 through 25 years old, be registered with Selective Service to obtain a state driver's license or permit.

Those who do not register could be prosecuted and fined up to \$250,000 and/or be put in jail for up to five years.

Registration is also a requirement to qualify for job training benefits, and most federal employment.

For more information about the Selective Service System log on to www.sss.gov.

State, federal laws call for service registry

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back" form. Male college students who apply for financial aid can register by checking the box provided on student financial aid forms. Those still in high school should talk to a school administrator about registering.

Former student questioned about terrorist connection

"Student,"

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On Sept. 17, he was released from the Oklahoma County jail to INS officials.

After seven days, U.S. Marshals took custody of Ali.

Gloria Cardenas Barton, dean of Admissions/Registrar, said Ali first enrolled at the college in the fall of 1999 and last enrolled for the fall 2000 semester. She said he did not graduate from OKCCC.

According to a story in the Daily Oklahoman, Ali is being detained because he was a former roommate of Hussein Al-Attas, a senior at the University of Oklahoma.

Al-Attas is currently being detained in New York because he was a former roommate of Zacarias Moussaoui, a key figure in the FBI's investigation who trained at the Airman Flight School in Norman earlier this year.

The Daily Oklahoman reported that Al-Attas drove Moussaoui from Oklahoma to Minnesota while they were roommates. In Minnesota Moussaoui trained to fly a jumbo jet.

Dave Turner, spokesman

for the U.S. Marshals, said the document for Ali's arrest is still sealed and could not confirm if Ali was in the U.S. Marshal's custody.

However, he said, Ali is in the hands of the FBI. Al-Attas and Moussaoui are still in the custody of INS officials.

"It's the same policy as if this were a Mafia trial," Turner said. "We just can't comment."

A spokesman for the Public Affairs department of the U.S. Justice Department in Washington, D.C., said there is no information available to the public of Ali's current whereabouts or why he is being detained.

Gary Johnson, FBI media representative, said he could not comment on the investigation.

Barton said she could not comment on whether the FBI or other law enforcement officials had contacted her for information concerning Ali.

She said the FBI and other law enforcement agencies routinely ask for students' background information for clearance checks, either to check for criminal activity, or to check students who apply for job positions at the FBI or other law enforcement agencies.



Mukkaram Ali

Ali, whose home address is listed in Norman, still has an e-mail address from OKCCC.

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Highlights

Professors discuss Middle East, terrorism

Dr. Jessica Sheetz-Nguyen will discuss "What is the Middle East?" at noon Monday, Oct. 1 in college union room 8. Dr. Jerry Steward will discuss "Reflections on recent terrorist attacks against the USA" at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 2, also in college union room 8. People are encouraged to bring their own lunches.

Phi Theta Kappa to meet

Phi Theta Kappa will hold a general membership meeting at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 3, in room CU7 and another at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 4, in room CU8. Phi Theta Kappa will thank all the volunteers who helped during Arts Festival Oklahoma and the Leadership Conference.

Free pizza for future teachers

Future Teachers' Organization will have a meeting at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 9, in room 2P7 of the main building. Any pre-education or secondary education major students are invited. For PAA Scholarship recipients, FTO membership is a requirement upon scholarship acceptance.

Fund-raiser for Sept. 11 Fund

The United Way and the New York Community Trust will provide financial assistance to the immediate and longer-term needs of victims, families and communities affected by the events of Sept. 11. People can purchase \$2 flag decals from local Fastsigns Stores and sign two banners displaying the United States and Oklahoma flags that will be hung in New York and Washington, D.C. until Oct. 8.

Get your stories published

Students and faculty are encouraged to submit their original stories, essays, poetry, photography or art work for publication in OKCCC's literary magazine, Absolute. Deadline for submission is Dec. 8. Release forms should accompany all submissions. Forms can be found in the Arts and Humanities office or downloaded from the English department's website. Contact Cathy Hume at 755-3056 for more information.

Photography club needs members

Students interested in developing a photography club should contact Melody at moongoddessclipse@msn.com or call 722-6262. The club will announce its first meeting time in the next issue of the Pioneer.

Jobs, jobs and more jobs

Graduate Employment Services will have its Fall Employment Expo from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 10 in CU 1, 2 and 3. Students will have a chance to network with local employers. Contact Karlen Grayson at 682-1611 ext. 7519 for more information.

Student member needed for newspaper board

The Student Newspaper Advisory Board seeks a member of the student body to represent the student population in decisions concerning the policies and practices of the Pioneer. The student will have voting power as a member of the advisory board. The board meets once each semester. Students can send their names, phone numbers and e-mail addresses to the Pioneer office located in 2M6 of the main building, or e-mail their information to raustin@okc.cc.ok.us, editor@okc.cc.ok.us or shinton@okc.cc.ok.us



Photo by Kat Mohr

First steps: OKCCC student Yaser Dorri and faculty sponsor Steve Shore discuss decisions concerning the new Islamic Club which is open to all students. The Islamic Club had its inaugural meeting on Friday, Sept. 28. For more information about the club, call 682-7523.

Student clubs begin fund-raising efforts

By Vu A. Vu
Staff Writer

Campus clubs and organizations began fund-raising efforts last week.

Brian Knight, pharmacy major and member of the College Republicans, sold ribbons in front of the college union to help relief efforts after the World Trade Center attacks.

Knight said all proceeds from the fund-raiser went to Manhattan Community College in New York, where rescue workers rest and eat after searching for World Trade Center victims.

"They're bringing in fire fighters and police officers and giving them a place to

eat," Knight said.

About 50 people purchased ribbons Sept. 26.

Also, campus clubs will have a bake sale Oct. 9 and 10. Proceeds of the bake sale will also go to Manhattan Community College.

People can donate money via checks made out to the OKCCC Foundation. Checks should be brought to the office of Student Life.

Students can also sign a banner that will be hung at Manhattan Community College.

Drama Club sold cotton candy and popcorn to raise funds for a trip to Lake Murray in November.

Member Kara Keister said the group plans to film a promotional movie for next semesters Organization's

Fair. Students interested in joining Drama Club can contact Keister at karakeister@hotmail.com Visit the office of Student life for more information.

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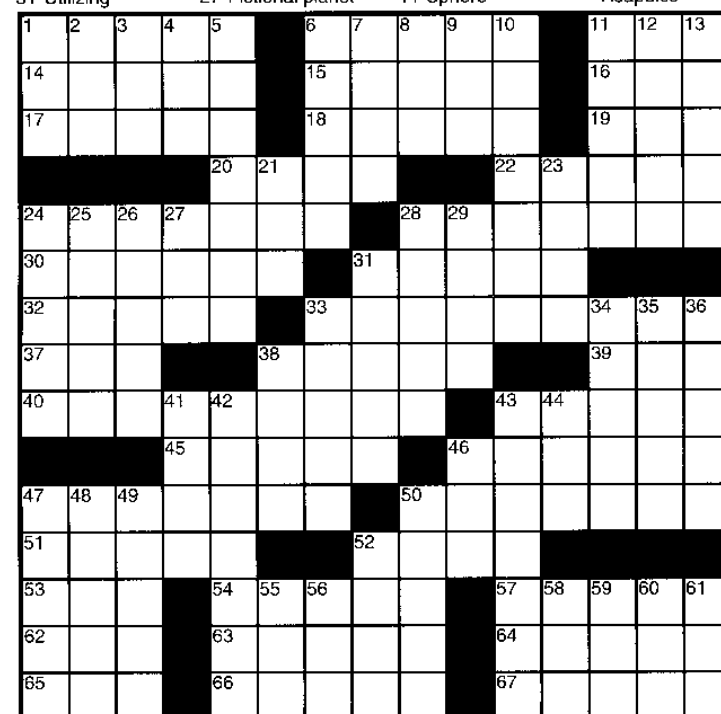
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Financial aid money available

By Rita Garcia
News Writing I Student

Fear not OKCCC students; you can still apply for financial aid. Some students might think that since school has already started, financial aid is out of the question.

Pam Jordan, director of federal student aid programs, said that isn't the case.

She said the steps are easy.

All a student needs to do is fill out a 2001-2002 application for federal student aid, available in the financial aid office. After it's completed with the correct information, mail it.

Students can also apply via the Internet. The address is www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Students who do decide to do this should remember to print out the signature sheet and mail it.

OKCCC should receive some notification "within two to three weeks," Jordan said. Then the student will be notified in four to six weeks about what aid they qualify for.

The process continues when the applicant accepts or declines any loans or grants FAFSA offers.

"Students should definitely know it is never too late to sign up for financial aid," Jordan said.

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